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Minutes

USAAV Council Meeting

DATE: May 14, 2003

TIME: Noon - 2:00 p.m.

Room 129

State Capitol Building

Present: Randy Bachman, Rick Schwermer proxy for Dan Becker, Susan Burke, Camille Cain, Mike Findeis, Verne Larsen, Dick Melton, Harold Morrill, Diane Ngatuvai, JoAnn Seghini, Anna Kay Waddoups, Sherm Watkins, Ned Searle and Jack Tanner

Prior to the meeting a presentation was made to the PoVey family to honor the memory of Leon PoVey, former USAAV Chair. During the luncheon Randy Bachman, Susan Burke and Verne Larsen made remarks.

I. Welcome & Interim Chair's Report

Randall Bachman

Action: There was a motion made to accept the minutes of the March 13, 2003 meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

II. Director's Report

Susan Burke

Susan reported that the USAAV Governor's Awards have been reinstated. Nominated forms were distributed. The deadline to respond is August 1, 2003.

Reed Richards and Gary Jorgensen are individuals that have been approached to fill the USAAV Chair position. Both men have time constraints, but are checking availability. The door remains open for other nominations. Susan will continue to update the Council with progress made.

Action: Susan will distribute the USAAV Governor's Award nomination forms to all Committee members and allied organizations.

III. USAAV 2003 Committee Priorities & Reports

A. Anti-Violence

Sherm Watkins

Sherm indicated that forfeiture from the grassroots will be one of the main priorities of the Anti-Violence Committee this year. The focus will be on a community education campaign, beginning with the PTA and local school districts. Members will work jointly with the Criminal Justice Committee. Senator Buttars was recommended as a possible sponsor for the forfeiture bill to be run during the 2004 legislative session.

Ned Searle announced he has accepted the position of Domestic Violence Coordinator for the state. *He made a motion to include sexual violence as another priority for the Anti-Violence Committee in the coming year. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.*

Sherm noted that the Grant and Crime Prevention grant review committee met in May and has submitted recommendations for funding to CCJJ for final approval. A copy of the committee's recommendations was distributed.

B. Criminal Justice Committee

Susan Burke

Susan reported that the committee has selected three priorities this year.

- Forfeiture
- Meth Lab Clean Up Standards
- Club Drug Summit Recommendations

A graph is being created in the Attorney General's Office to map progress as law enforcement and county attorneys meet with their local legislators. Susan is meeting with the Salt Lake Valley Health Dept. and the Dept. of Environment Quality later this month to continue drafting a Meth Lab Clean Up Bill that will be presented to Council and later to the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee. The Interim Committee had designed meth labs as their seventh study item for the year. With regard to the Club Drug Summit recommendations, data is currently being collected regarding what each assigned agency has done, or is in the process of implementing.

C. DUI Committee

Anna Kay Waddoups

Anna Kay reported that DUI will study the following priorities (in no particular order):

- Local funding formula (beer tax) and accountability (possibly awarding grants)
- DUI victim's rights
- Explore criminalization of BAC test refusals
- Comparison of Utah DUI laws with other states
- DUI courts

D. Substance Abuse Services Committee

Verne Larsen & Harold Morrill

The following priorities will be addressed by the committee this year:

- Treatment alternatives for substance abusing offenders (with a special emphasis on female methadone users)
- Drug Court outcomes and funding mechanism
- Jail policies regarding drug offenders and offenders involved in treatment (again with an emphasis on methadone)
- Prevention service coordination and funding

Harold reported the Committee met this morning with Rep. Stuart Adams. As a new legislator, he wanted to better understand how substance abuse prevention programming and services were coordinated and to challenge providers to improve the process. Susan will maintain communication with Rep. Adams and update him on progress made.

Verne reported that the Governor's Youth Council has developed a transition plan which includes changing their name to Youth of Utah (YOU). The Utah Council for Crime Prevention (UCCP) has great interest in working with YOU. Susan and Tibby Milne are pursuing this course. Verne also reported that the Stinger's Prevention Day on May 1st was a huge success with over 12,000 5th and 6th graders attending. There were 115 schools and 16 districts represented. They are now in the process of evaluation to determine if this will be an annual event.

Action: Motions were made and unanimously approved to adopt the above listed priorities for each committee to serve as the USAAV Council's Action Plan for the coming year.

The next meeting of the USAAV Council will be held on Wednesday, July 9th from noon - 2:00 p.m. in room 129 of the State Capitol Building.